

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the title in its entirety, and substitute therefor the following new title:

--JOINT OF METALLIC MATERIALS CONNECTED AT A JOINING ZONE--.

Page 1, between the title of the invention and the heading "FIELD OF THE INVENTION;", please add the following new paragraph:

--This application is a Divisional application of Application No. 10/358,178, filed February 5, 2003, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--